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NAEMSP® Annual Awards

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NAEMSP®/Stryker EMS Medicine Medical Director Fellowship
The National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP®) and Stryker, one of the world’s leading medical technology companies, announced Benjamin D. Nicholson, MD, as the winner of the NAEMSP® / Stryker EMS Medicine Medical Director Fellowship.

Nicholson began his career as a volunteer EMT-B, has served as a flight paramedic, was the inaugural resident board member of the Air Medical Physician Association and has worked with the African Federation for Emergency Medicine’s Out-of-Hospital Emergency Care Committee. He plans to use the fellowship to help reach his goals of expanding the responsible use of ultrasound in prehospital and disaster settings and develop out-of-hospital care internationally.

NAEMSP® recognized the following individual at our awards luncheon in Austin in January 2019:

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RJ Frascone, MD, FACEP, FAEMS received the Ronald D. Stewart Award for his tireless work on improving EMS response to cardiac arrest, leading some of the most innovative work in resuscitation science over the past decade. This award is presented to a person who has made a lasting, major contribution to the national EMS community.

Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award
Hidehara Tanaka, MD, PhD

Through a variety of projects including leading the Pan-Asian Prehospital Education and Registry (PAPER) project, Hidehara Tanaka, MD, PhD, Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan, has introduced principles of effective physician leadership for pre-hospital care as espoused by NAEMSP across all of Asia. His efforts were recognized with the Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award which honors an active or past member of NAEMSP who has provided significant leadership to the association.

Friends of EMS Award
Ritu Sahni, MD, MPH, FAEMS

Ritu Sahni, MD, MPH, FAEMS, Lake Oswego, OR, received the Friends of EMS Award in recognition of his work implementing legislation with a direct impact on the practice of EMS medicine. Ritu is a past president of NAEMSP and is currently the Advocacy Committee Chair. This award is presented to an individual or organization furthering NAEMSP’s mission by helping to influence or implement national public policy.

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Scott Bourn, PhD, RN, FACHE, Securisyn Medical, Highlands Ranch, CO; and Michael Redlener, MD, FAEMS, Mount Sinai Health System EMS, Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai West Department of Emergency Medicine, Chicago, IL, received the President’s Award for directing NAEMSP’s first year-long EMS Quality Improvement & Safety Course while also piloting its new learning management system.

John M. Gallagher, MD, FACEP, FAEMS of Wichita/Sedgwick County EMS System, Wichita, KS, received the President’s Award for his outstanding work as chair of the NAEMSP Standards and Clinical Practice Committee. The President’s Award honors a member or members of NAEMSP who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the organization by creating new initiatives or furthering the work of the organization.
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2019 Abstract Winners

Best Disaster Research Presentation Sponsored by the National Disaster Life Support Foundation

“Pediatric Mass Casualty Triage Algorithms: A Comparative Study Analyzing Speed, Accuracy and Inter-Rater Reliability” Katherine Staats, Tabitha Cheng, Nicole D’Arcy, Kian Niknam, J. Joelle Donofrio, Stanford University, Department of Emergency Medicine

Best Scientific Presentation

“Survival After Intravenous vs. Intracranial Amiodarone, Lidocaine or Placebo in Out-of-Hospital Ventricular Fibrillation Cardiac Arrest” Mohamud Daya, Brian Leroux, Thomas Rea, Paul Dorian, Joshua Lupton, Tom Aufderheide, David Barbic, James Christenson, Caroline Herdeman, James Menegazzi, Laurie Morrison, Craig Newgard, Gary Vike, Peter Kudenchuk, Department of Emergency Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University

Best Student/Resident/Fellow Presentation

“In Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest, Longer On-Scene Times are Associated with Higher Survival Rates: ‘Scoop and Run’ May be Deadly” Christopher Berry, Douglas Kupas, Mark Olaf, Anne Knorr, Andrea Berger, Division of EMS, Geisinger Health System

Best EMS Professional Research Presentation

“Revisiting the ‘Scanty Science’ of Prehospital Emergency Care” James Menegazzi, Benjamin Glennon, University of Pittsburgh

Best Poster Abstract Presentation

“Can a Sub-Perfect Glasgow Coma Scale Motor Score (GCS-M) Replace the CDC Field Triage Guideline (FTG) Physiologic Criteria in Children?” Matthew Harris, Maya Capua, Mark Merlin, Seungjun Ahn, Nate Christopherson, Jose Prince, Children’s Hospital of Colorado

Best Cardiac Arrest Presentation

“Double Sequential External Defibrillation Improves Termination of Ventricular Fibrillation and Return of Spontaneous Circulation in Shock-Refractory Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest” Sheldon Cheskes, Shelley McLeod, Jim Summers, Laurie Morrison, Alexandra Wudwud, P. Richard Verbeek, Rescu Investigators Rescu, Sunnybrook Centre for Prehospital Medicine

Best Pediatric Presentation

“Prehospital Emergency Assessment of Kids (Peak) Performance” Kathryn Rappaport, Chelsea Zuger, Neil Desai, Michelle Alleitag, Ashley Balakas, Sean Caffrey, Jan Leonard, Kelley Roswell, Patrick Mahar, Kathleen Adelgais, University of Colorado School of Medicine

NAEMSP/AMR-FRE EMS Fellows Research Grants

Studies on a mobile integrated healthcare (MIH) pilot program and on the role of ventilation in resuscitation are the focus of two inaugural $5,000 research grants awarded by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP®) and the AMR Foundation for Research and Education. The NAEMSP/AMR-FRE EMS Fellows Research Grants have been awarded to Dr. Tiffany Abramson, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, and Dr. Matthew Neth, University of Cincinnati.

Abramson’s project will assess the feasibility of completing post-encounter surveys to evaluate patient safety, experience and perceived quality of care among APRU-attended patients and matched controls to expand the Los Angeles Fire Department’s MIH pilot program using nurse practitioners (NP) and firefighter/paramedic teams to treat, release and refer select 911-patients on scene.

Neth will focus on quantifying ventilation characteristics in simulated out-of-hospital cardiac arrest resuscitations, an area currently lacking sufficient study and guidelines. He hopes his research can have an impact on future OHCA management and outcomes.

NAEMSP® and the Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) was pleased to announce the recipients of our inaugural partnership to provide grants for prehospital research. Three proposals were selected for funding:

Understanding the Nutrition Practices of Dayshift and Nightshift EMS Workers
David Hostler, PhD, EMT-P, and Brian Clemency, DO, MBA
University at Buffalo
Amount: $5,000

Paramedic Attitudes to Obtaining Informed Consent for Prehospital Research Trials
Jason McMullan, MD, MS, FAEMS, and Joshua Borkosky, NRP
University of Cincinnati
Amount: $5,000

Utilizing Simulation to Improve Pediatric Prehospital Medical Care
Gregory Faris, MD, and David Rayburn, MD, MPH
Indiana University School of Medicine
Leon Bell, EMT-P, MS
Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services
Amount: $3,750
NAEMSP® Annual Awards (continued)

Video Challenge Educates Bystanders on CPR Ahead of EMS Week (Create graphic with highlighted)

EMS agencies across the country rose to the challenge this summer when asked to create educational music videos as part of the National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP®) CPR Challenge. In New York, Missouri, California, and Alaska, EMS agencies created videos that not only teach bystanders how to do CPR, but also feature songs that can help them maintain the ideal rate for chest compressions (110 beats per minute).

From “Baby Shark” to the “Rocky” theme song, every music video offered potentially lifesaving information in a fun and entertaining way. However, only one video could win the contest portion of the challenge, which ended June 15, 2019. That video, chosen by the NAEMSP Board of Directors, was “Can’t Stop Compressing,” by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

“All of the videos entered deserved to win,” said NAEMSP President David K. Tan, MD, EMT-T, FAAEM, FAEMS, “but this one really went above and beyond.”

The LA County Fire Department will receive two free registrations to the NAEMSP Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, January 6–11, 2020. NAEMSP highly recommends watching and sharing all of the videos for both their creativity and educational value.

Winner: LA County Fire Department—“Can’t Stop the Feeling” by Justin Timberlake. Watch the video.

Honorable Mentions:
- Anchorage Fire Department—“Gonna Fly Now” by Bill Conti (“Rocky” theme song). Watch the video.
- Missouri EMS for Children—“Baby Shark” by Pinkfong. Watch the video.

Tan led the Clayton (Missouri) Fire Department in the video that launched the challenge, which used the song “More Than a Feeling” by Boston. Watch the video. NAEMSP did not consider this video as part of the contest.

Although the contest has ended, NAEMSP encourages EMS agencies to continue making videos. Bystander CPR can make a difference in cases of cardiac arrest, and NAEMSP hopes these videos encourage bystanders to step in and potentially save lives.